

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3136 – House 3M Committee Amendment**  
(Doc. No. Unknown)

TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Cervical Cancer Prevention Act		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 3136, as amended, amends Chapter 29, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to infectious disease immunizations. The Bill adds Section 44-29-187 which authorizes the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) to require all female students age 11 to receive the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination series for cervical cancer before being permitted to enroll in school. The Bill provides for the same exemptions as DHEC currently provides in its general immunization regulations. The amended version also requires DHEC to develop and provide an informational brochure concerning the vaccination series, the requirements and allowable exemptions. The amendment also allows parents to sign a form stating that they elect for the student not to receive the cervical cancer vaccination.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)

Based on 2007 data and current federal assistance levels, the Department estimates an additional \$1,728,000 is needed to purchase HPV vaccine for those children who are not eligible to receive it under the Federal Vaccines for Children (FVC) Entitlement Program (i.e., Medicaid, Uninsured, American Indian, Alaska Native) or whose insurance will not cover the cost of vaccinations. The cost of immunization assumes 20% of the State's 30,000 11-year old females are underinsured or otherwise ineligible for the federally assisted vaccinations. Cost estimates are also based on a series of 3 injections and a per injection cost of \$96. DHEC indicates enactment would require additional staff time to administer the increased number of vaccinations and maintain records. The Department estimates additional salary, fringe benefits and other operating costs at \$368,337 depending on staffing levels at the time of implementation in 2010 (see Special Notes below). This includes one FTE position to assist in implementing the "opt-out" provisions of the Committee Amendment.

It is anticipated that in FY 2007, the FVC program will provide DHEC with enough HPV vaccine to immunize all the FVC-eligible female adolescents ages 9 to 18. However, under federal FVC guidelines, the vaccine must be made available to all eligible females in this age group and DHEC cannot target 11-year olds only. It should be noted that the level of federal FVC program funding, as well as the cost of HPV vaccine, can vary from year to year. Additionally, any actions taken by the insurance industry to cover the cost of HPV vaccinations could reduce DHEC's cost. Consequently, the impact on the State General Fund necessary to cover the gap in coverage would vary accordingly.

State Department of Education (SDE)

The Department indicates this Bill would have a minimal impact on that agency's expenditures. SDE indicates there would be a cost to the school districts associated with verification of vaccination and notification of non-compliance as needed. Average cost is approximately \$7,000 per district.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

The House of Representatives version of the FY 2007-08 Appropriation Act contains funding for Vaccine Purchases for Under-insured Children and Adolescents which includes 8.00 additional FTEs. No additional FTEs would be needed for implementation of this Bill in 2010 if these FTEs along with salaries and fringe benefits are contained in the FY 2007-08 Appropriation Act. These additional FTEs and funding are not contained in the Senate Finance Committee version of the FY 2007-08 Appropriation Act.

Approved by:

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